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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY REYNOLDS, of the interior department, has decided that section 4718 of the revised statutes relative to the payment of accrued pensions was applicable to pensioners under the act of July 27, 1892, granting pensions to the survivors of certain Indian wars. He also held that the section authorizes the widow of the deceased soldier to prosecute his pending claim under that act and receive the accrued pension to the date of the soldier's death. This action reverses the decision of the commissioner of pensions made in May, 1893.

THE annual report of Maj.-Gen. Howard, commanding the department of the east, has been made public. The general recommends an increase of the army as the best method of preserving the peace until many vexatious questions, which are now troubling the country, are put at rest by a solution satisfactory to the people of the nation. He also expresses the opinion that our coast defenses are in fairly good condition, and that, in conjunction with our ever increasing naval armament, there would be little to fear from outside aggressions.

THE annual report of Brig.-Gen. Ruger, commanding the department of California, is devoted largely to a recital of the events of the great strike in that state.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL BISSELL has issued an order that hereafter an address label may be posted on the message side of an envelope as well as the address side of a postal card.

THE new army regulations are rapidly nearing completion and will be ready before the close of the year. They cover all questions of discipline, promotions, ceremonies, pay and the innumerable things which govern every branch of an army life. Indirectly the regulations are awaited with much interest by the national guard as the state troops adopt the government

regulations THE annual report of Brig.-Gen. Brooke, commanding the department of the Platte, says the Indians have been quiet and peaceable. He also that the operation of the Union Pacific railroad was interrupted by irresponsible bodies calling themselves industrial armies and also by strikers. In both cases, he says, the United States troops were successful in restoring order.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE Kansas City and Memphis ex-press was robbed on the night of the 20th at Correta, near Wagoner, I. T., by the Cook gang. One of the robbers threw a switch and ran the train into a string of cars. They robbed the express car and got about \$500. They then held up the passengers. A fusilade was opened on the train and every window was broken. One passenger was fatally hurt.

DISASTROUS floods are reported in northeastern China. A rich agricultural district, 150 miles long and 10 to 20 miles wide, was submerged. Many women and children were drowned and an enormous property loss suffered.

THE house of Silas Jones, 6 miles from Knoxville, Ia., burned recently and both he and his wife were burned to cinders. The belief was current that Mrs. Jones, in a fit of insanity, murdered her husband and then burned

In the chancery court at Chattanoo-ga, Tenn., T. T. Wilson a creditor, and F. F. Jones, a stockholder of the Lookout Mountain Consolidated Co., filed a bill alleging the insolvency of that corporation and seeking to wind it up. The property involved is Lookout Inn. with all furniture and furnishings of the Lookout Mountain house and \$600,-000 of the stock of the Lookout Moun-

tain Land Co. A TELEGRAM from London on the 18th said that the ezar of Russia was in such a critical condition that his physicians had given up the idea of having him moved from the Crimea, where he now is, to Corfu, and that his death was only a question of a few days. His immediate relatives had been telegraphed for. The news had created graphed for. The first state of great consternation at St. Petersburg.
The Fifteenth regiment infantry, U.

S. A., was presented a stand of colors at Fort Sheridan, Ill., on the 19th by Chicago citizens in recognition of services during the great strike. This was the first presentation of the kind that has ever occurred, and special permission was obtained from the war department at Washington. The presentation was made in the presence of

the entire regiment. MADDENED by the baseness of a crime committed by a negro the citizens of Washington Courthouse, O., on the 17th sought to lynch the wretch, but the militia was called on for assistance by the sheriff and they fired on the mob with deadly effect. Two persons were instantly killed and several more fatally injured. Fears were entertained that the mob, who were exasperated against the milita, would blow up the courthouse with dynamite. The sheriff was waiting for more troops to get the culprit away from the town.

JAMES ANTHONY FROUDE, the noted English historian and author, died on 20th at London, aged 76.

The annual German social demo-cratic congress opened at Bornheim, a suburb of Frankfort, Germany, on the 20th in the presence of an immense gathering of workingmen.

A so-called "Coxey army" parade, consisting of eight ragged men with a wagon, went through Wall street, New York, on the 20th. The wagon was preceded by the leader, Carl Browne, who was arrested and taken to police headquarters.

In placing in the Chicago county jail on a charge of arson two Chinamen, United States Fire Inspector Cowie and Fire Marshal Conway have brought on a fierce fight between themselves and the police on one hand, and some of the most influential Chinamen in the United States, the prisoners being among them, on the other hand. Notices were posted in Chinatown on the 21st offering \$500 to any Chinaman who would kill either Mr. Conway or Mr. Cowie.

CLEARING house returns from the principal cities of the United States for the week ended October 19 showed an average increase as compared with the corresponding week of last year of 3.1; outside New York the increase was 7.5.

THE federal grand jury at Chicago on the 19th returned an omnibus indictment against Debs and the officers of the American Railway union and a large number of persons charged with participation in violence and the obstruction of the mails and commerce on the different roads last summer. In all sixty-nine persons were included in the blanket indictment.

Dun's review of trade for the week ended the 19th said that the domestic trade reported by railroad earnings in October was 34 per cent. less than last year. Business had not yet reached expectations and it was evident that the loss of part of the corn crop and the low prices of other great staples had affected the buying power of millions.

A LATE dispatch from Shanghal said that the Japanese at the Yalu river tried to surprise the Chinese under cover of darkness but failed and retired after desultory fighting at long range. The Chinese claimed that they inflicted losses on the Japanese advance guard.

A CRANK entered the Clinton Place bank in New York recently and demanded \$1,000 from Paying Teller Hind. The teller told the crank to wait. As Hind turned away the crank fired a revolver point blank at him and the bullet buried itself in the woodwork. The crank was seized and turned over to the police. The officials of the bank a few days before had received a postal card from a man saying he would call in a few days for \$1,000.

THE American Warehousemen's association at their convention at Cleveand, O., elected the following officers: Phillip Godley, of Philadelphia, president; J. R. Price, of Cleveland, vice president and chairman of the executive committee; P. Thompson, of Kansas City, secretary and treasurer. The executive committee was instructed to select Philadelphia as the place for the next meeting on the third Wednesday in September, 1895.

Ar Grosny, Russia, a large naphtha spring became ignited in some unknown manner and the flames spread to a number of buildings. Seventeen workmen were burned to death.

BASEBALL men representing six cities gathered together at Philadelphia on the 18th and after six hours' deliberation announced the formation of the American Association of Baseball clubs, adeiphia, New York, Brooklyn in the the county hospital was made by putwith a circuit made up thus far of Philwankee in the west. The eighth club is to be located in St. Louis, Detroit, Columbus or Buffalo, with chances favoring the latter.

THE tug Monarch, which towed the big log raft over the Columbia river bar a few days ago and arrived at San Francisco on the 18th, reported the raft a total loss. A terrible gale was encountered and the raft went to pieces the second day out. The raft contained 10,000 spars and piles consigned to the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. and was THE

valued at \$35,000. A BALTIMORE & OHIO east bound passenger train ran over a dynamite cartridge near Bissell, a lonely spot about 15 miles from Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 17th. The flange of one wheel was blown off and one end of a coach wrecked. There were few passengers aboard and no one was injured. An examination of the track was made and two more dynamite cartridges were found on the rails. Had the train been running fast it would have exploded all three cartridges and have

been totally wrecked. DR. GEORGE VON SCHMIDT, the German traveler stopping at Minueapolis, Minn., on the 18th claimed to have received a cryptographic letter from contracts. Nothing de Russia that students, military men and had been decided upon. clergymen were in a conspiracy to set aside the ezarowitz and place Prince

George on the throne. dren in West Guthrie, Ok., and bit and lians. tore Bessie Gates, aged 10, so that it was feared she would die. The dog then attacked a pair of horses. Two men attempted to shoot it, but the bullet

Ir was reported on the 16th that Port arthur, the Chinese stronghold where the Chinese fleet had been refitting after the battle of Yalu river, had been captured by the Japanese.

THE czar of Russia's condition on the 19th was critical. He had taken to his bed and his relatives were gathered around it. Prayers were offered up in the Russian churches for his recovery It was reported that unless his death precipitated matters a council of re-

gency would be declared on October 26. A WIDOWER named Cox, living alone with a son and daughter, young children, 7 miles south of Ardmore, I. T., was filling a lamp with oil when the oil became ignited and they were all enveloped in flames. The children have died and the father was not expected

ONE of the most disastrous explosions that has occurred on the drainage canal happened on the morning of the 21st when three men were killed outright and three more seriously injured. The explosion took place at Ricker and Lean's camp, near Summitt. Ill. A gang of men were at work putting in a blast when the giant powder exploded, blowing three men to pieces. In the evening another explosion took place at the same camp, where two men were killed and one wounded.

THE mail from the Orient brings news of a disastrous fire at Chang Kiang, near Hong Kong. Over thirty people were burned to death, 2,000 houses were destroyed, including two temples, and the total loss of 10,000,000 taels entailed.

THE skull of Harry Knight, a member of the Drexel institute football team, was crushed in a practice game with the university of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia on the 20th. He died in the university soon after.

A DISPATCH received at London on the 21st from Shanghai stated that negotiations for peace between China and Japan had been reopened.

FAILURES for the week ended October 12 (Dun's report) were 253 in the United States, against 341 last year.

THE Japanese parliament opened at Hiroschima on the 18th and the speech from the throne was delivered by the mikado in person. He declared that he was greatly pained that China should have forgotten her duties in regard to the maintenance of peace in the east in conjunction with Japan. "She having brought about the present state of affairs, however," he proceeded, "and hostilities having been commenced, we will not stop until we have attained our object.

JUDGE BIERER, of the Oklahoma supreme court, has removed C. W. Bugee, county attorney, and the county commissioners of Beaver county for malfeasance in office and misappropriating county money.

OTTO WONIGKEIT, aged 21, and Henry Ermisch, aged 19, were hanged in the jail inclosure at St. Paul, Minn., on the 19th for the murder of a barkeeper, whom they were attempting to rob May 2 last.

Fine at the county hospital at Denver, Col., recently caused great excitement among the patients, but all were removed without injury. The fire started from an electric wire in the building occupied by the consumptives and was extinguished by the fire de-

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES

THE registration of women in Denver, Col., is almost as large as that of men. The total number of names entered on the books, which are now closed, is 61,400. The registration in Arapahoe county will exceed 70,000.

THE reported lynching of five men near Orangeburg, S. C., was untrue according to reports received at the Charleston News and Courier office which said that the circulation of the report was a telegraph operator's joke.

AT Colusa, Cal., on the 22d a whole sale attempt to poison the inmates of ting strychnine into the coffee. Twenty-two patients were suffering from the effects of the drug and one man

EX-POLICE JUDGE CHARLES E. MOR-RIS, of Springfield, O., has fled, after fleecing people to the tune of \$20,000. He was supposed to be in Canada. The heaviest sufferer is the Citizens' Building and Loan association, of which he had been the trusted attorney for eight

THE closing up by the police of the Public Stock and Produce exchange, a "discretionary pool" concern at Pitts-burgh. Pa., on the 22d brought large crowds of investors from the country, which revealed how widespread had been its operations. The Consolidated, another pool concern, did not open its doors. Other pools were expected to suspend and excitement was running high. Many of the investors were domestics and washerwomen, who had placed their savings in these concerns.

THE experts of the Dockery commission were reported as turning their at-tention to the interior department to see if they could not improve the methods of disposing of public lands and simplify the means of settling land contracts. Nothing definite, however,

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND being in favor of utilizing the army for Indian agencies, the vacancies existing will be A nog rushed among some school chil- filled by other officers and not by civil-

THE Indian office at Washington has been advised by telegraph of the lawless condition of affairs in the Indian territory and asked that some action struck Mrs. Littlejohn in the thigh and be taken by the United States author-groin, inflicting fatal wounds. be taken by the United States author-ities which will restore order and protect citizens in their rights. It has been suggested that the territory could be placed under martial law and troops directed to clear the gangs out which now infest it.

LEAPING FROM HIGH CLIFFS.

Californian Sea Lions Are the Champlen Climbers and Jumpers. Closely resembling Steller's sea lion is the California sea lion, the slim fellow in the animal show who climbs up out of the water, all black and shiny, points his thin neck straight upward, gazes at the top of his cage and bawls out: "Hoke! Hoke!" until all the little boys outside the tent are fairly wild to get in. In form and habits this animal so closely resembles the smaller specimens of Steller's sea lion that on the Farallone islands, where the two species come together, the difference between them was for years quite overlooked. Nevertheless the points of difference between them are very marked.

The California sea lion is only about half the size of the preceding species. The male has less development of neck, less abundant hair and, being much lighter in build, is more active in movement. Indeed, if reports are true, we may truthfully call this creature the champion climber and jumper of all the pinnipeds in the world. Capt. Scammon states that on Santa Barbara island the old male sea lions are in the habit of climbing to the tops of the bold rocky cliffs that abound on its coast, and lying there for days at a time-to enjoy the scenery, perhaps! What is stranger still, these wonderful creatures when attacked or thoroughly alarmed will take flying leaps from the tops of these same cliffs into the sea. Capt. Scammon relates how he and his crew once cornered a herd of about twenty old male sea lions who "were collected on the brink of a precipitous cliff, at a height of at least sixty feet above the rocks which shelved from the beach below. Our men were sure, in their own minds, that by surprising the animals we could drive them over the cliff. This was easily accomplished: but to our chagrin, when we arrived at the point below where we expected to find the huge beasts disabled or killed, the last animal of the whole rookery was seen plunging into the sea.

The California sea lion is found only on the coast of California and the peninsular of Lower California, and its two centers of greatest abundance are the Farallone islands, near San Francisco, and Santa Barbara island. In former years immense numbers were killed for their oil, but that has ceased to be a paying industry. Owing to the fact that they are protected by law, they have become so numerous around the Cliff house, the Heads and in San Francisco bay, that their wholesale destruction of valuable food fishes is bitterly complained of by the fishermen of San Francisco.

Of all pinnipeds, this species is the most noisy. "On approaching an island or a point occupied by a numerous herd," says Capt. Scammon, "one first hears their long, plaintive howlings, as if in distress; but when near them the sounds become more varied and deafening. The old males roar so loudly as to drown the noise of the heaviest surf among the rocks and caverns, and the younger of both sexes croak hoarsely, or send forth sounds like the bleating of sheep or the barking of dogs. In fact their tumultuous utterances are beyond description."

In the water the body of this creature appears to be a shiny, dark brown, but when the skin is mounted and dried in a museum collection the hair is found to be thin, coarse, very stiff and of a dirty brownish-yellow color.—W. T. Hornaday, in St. Nicholas.

Emancipation's Woes. First Clubwoman (a few years hence) -Men are enough to drive a woman crazy.

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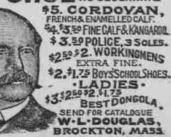
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